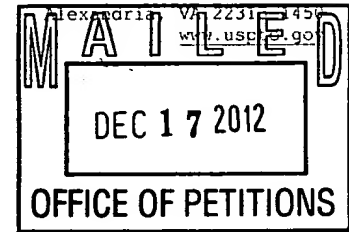




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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 09/159,634 :  
Patent No. 6,112,514 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: September 24, 1998 : PURSUANT TO  
Issue Date: September 5, 2000 : 37 C.F.R. § 1.182  
Attorney Docket Number: 97-058 :  
Title: FAN NOISE REDUCTION FROM :  
TURBOFAN ENGINES USING ADAPTIVE :  
HERSCHEL-QUINCKE TUBES :

This is a decision on the "petition requesting an in-person meeting to clarify issues in USPTO decision" filed December 11, 2012, which is being treated as a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182.

The required fee of \$400 will be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-1010 in due course, as authorized on the second page of this petition.

The patent issued on September 5, 2000. The grace period for paying the 7½-year maintenance fee provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.362(e) expired at midnight on September 5, 2008, with no payment received. Accordingly, the patent expired on September 5, 2008 at midnight.

On January 23, 2012, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(b) was filed, along with the surcharge associated with a petition to accept late payment of a maintenance fee as unavoidable, the 7½-year maintenance fee, and several declarations of facts.

On April 30, 2012, the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(b) was dismissed via the mailing of a decision.

On October 2, 2012, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 was received, which was granted via the mailing of a decision on October 23, 2012, which indicated that the decision of April 30, 2012 would be re-mailed, and set a non-extendable two-month period for response.

This petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 is GRANTED to the extent that an in-person meeting will be held with Petitioner from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM on December 19, 2012.

Petitioner will note that if requested, the Office will orally review the decision of April 30, 2102 (re-mailed on October 23, 2012) with Petitioner, and will listen to Petitioner's arguments and/or comments. The Office will not issue any rulings or comments on the sufficiency of any proposed arguments or evidence during said interview.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).